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Claims searched: 1-18

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Patents Act 1977: Search Report under Section 17**Documents considered to be relevant:**

Category	Relevant to claims	Identity of document and passage or figure of particular relevance
X,E	1, 2, 5,-7, 10, 11, 14-16	GB 2408278 A (EVENTURE) See Fig 12 and page 17 line 13 to page 18 lines 26.
A	-	GB 2367842 A (BAKER HUGHES) Entire document applicable.

Categories:

X	Document indicating lack of novelty or inventive step	A	Document indicating technological background and/or state of the art.
Y	Document indicating lack of inventive step if combined with one or more other documents of same category.	P	Document published on or after the declared priority date but before the filing date of this invention.
&	Member of the same patent family	E	Patent document published on or after, but with priority date earlier than, the filing date of this application.

Field of Search:Search of GB, EP, WO & US patent documents classified in the following areas of the UKC^X:

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Online: EPDOC, WPI



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Allowance of the divisional date

1. Your request that this application be treated as having been filed on 5 May 2003, which is the same date of filing as your earlier application number GB0500184.7, has been allowed.

Novelty

2. The invention as defined in claims 1, 2, 5-7, 10, 11, 14-16 is not new because it has already been disclosed in the following document:

a) GB 2408278 A (EVENTURE)* See Fig 12 and page 17 line 13 to page 18 lines 26.

No amendment of your claims will be needed in respect of the document marked * if you can show that the priority date of your invention is not later than the priority date of the relevant disclosure in that document.

3. The citation clearly teaches of a method for radially expanding a wellbore. Slip joint 815, which is designed to accommodate tubing movement or length changes, would incorporate inner and outer sleeves, and the device would necessarily be clamped to the casing so as to prevent it from moving upwards in reaction to the pressurisation of the device.

Additional set of claims

4. Please delete the additional set of claims on pages 28 to 35.

Publication

5. Your application will proceed to publication concurrently.